

THE SITUATION IN EGYPT

Nagib's removal on 24 February and Nasr's assumption overt authority in Egypt formalizes situation existing several months.

Development not likely bring immediate significant changes in internal or foreign policy.

1. Probable effect on foreign relations:

A. Anglo-Egyptian negotiations: Last six months Nasr involved day to day negotiations with British on Suez question.

1. Considers has conceded more than other Egyptian governments.
2. Doubtful additional compromise without new British move.
3. Such action unlikely due developments in Egypt.
4. Stalemate likely to continue.

5. Nasr's consolidation power may permit

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B. Egyptian-Soviet relations: Despite

indications willingness deal with USSR

Nasr suspicious closer relations.

Standard commercial relations likely
continue.

**C. Relations with US: Nasr will continue
seek US support in negotiations with
UK and press for large-scale US
military and economic aid.**

**II. Probable effect on internal affairs. Nasr
expected maintain internal order - avoid
recourse guerrilla warfare against British
in Suez area.**

**A. Without Nagib's personality as front,
regime now appears stark military
dictatorship. Early return to
constitutional rule unlikely.**

**B. Loss of Nagib deprives regime consider-
able popular support necessitating
greater reliance police measures.**

C. Lacking counterbalance, Nasr likely

become more arbitrary in internal and external relations.

**D. More friction within ruling army clique
may appear.**